



# NEWS RELEASE

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**District:** 05 – Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties  
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**\*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\***  
**FIRE CREWS TO CLEAR BRUSH ON HWY. 154**

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY** – Firefighters will be working to clear grass and brush along Hwy. 154 on both sides of San Marcos Pass. The work is scheduled for three days beginning Tuesday July 18. The clearing will take place from 9 am to 3 pm.

This work is being done to reduce the amount of flash fuel that could start a brush fire. The Santa Barbara County Fire Department will have 25 firefighters clearing brush to reduce the threat of fire sometimes caused by vehicles that overheat on the highway.

Caltrans will provide traffic control for this project.

The news media is invited to visit the site, preferably between 10 am and 12 noon on Wednesday, July 19. It is suggested that vehicles park on Old San Marcos Road on the large blacktop area.

For updates on other state highways in Santa Barbara County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-568-0858 or visit the District 5 website at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upsb.htm>

